

# EDITORIALS

## Newspaper Week

Throughout these pages today you may find various references to the value of the newspaper to every American. Tomorrow is the first day of National Newspaper Week. It is National Newspaper Week, and if we tend to boast a little just now perhaps we may be indulged. For the newspaper, which regularly devotes itself to bring news and the interpretation of news to your homes, has a message of its own. We believe that message worthy of some attention.

The American newspaper occupies a unique place in the world. Its freedom to print is guaranteed by the Constitution. It has been considered from the beginning of the Republic and from even before that—an essential instrument in the lives of the American people.

Its basic purpose has been and always will be the same: To tell the happenings of the day. Here the function is of particular importance in regards to the happenings of government, which is but an instrument of the people's will.

Its next and almost inseparable function is to try to place the facts concerning these happenings in perspective—to give them meaning in the light of other events, past and present.

It has other important purposes—to serve as a medium for advertising, to entertain and amuse, to serve as a public forum.

You may, and undoubtedly do, on occasion become discouraged with your newspaper or even become angry with it. Yet it is an indispensable item for intelligent living, and in more cases than is generally realized it is the most constructive and most educational item in a family's existence.

Where newspapers are free from government restriction, as they are in the United States, you are free to select the reading matter of your choice. You are privileged to have a voice of protest. You are favored by having news of importance to you, personally, collected, verified, edited and presented in readable and understandable form delivered to your home.

The modern newspaper is a swift and an accurate purveyor of important factual data and a medium of considered, moderate and enlightened opinion.

The newspapers of America set aside this week, therefore, to call attention to the services they perform. But more than that they set it aside to remind themselves and their readers of the obligation they owe the American public.

It is their constant hope that the reading public will continue to trust the integrity of their services. It is their constant effort to maintain the standards which have made this nation, more than all others, a nation of newspaper readers.

## Church Features

Within the next week the Torrance HERALD will add a new feature to the paper.

In the interest of stimulating local church support and attendance, the HERALD is enlarging its complete church section. Focal point for the church section will be a series of religious picture stories and messages for all faiths. This feature is being sponsored by a group of civic-minded business and professional people in the interest of the churches in the Torrance area.

All local churches are invited to supply the paper with the weekly news of their activities to help Herald readers keep abreast of the community's growing religious life.



## LAW IN ACTION

### BILL OF RIGHTS

You will find our "Bill of Rights" in the first ten amendments to our constitution. We adopted them all at one time in 1791.

Set out among our guarantees are those of freedom of religion, speech, and the press as well as the right to meet peacefully, and petition for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. No warrants shall issue but upon probable cause backed by oath or affirmation.

The due process of law amendment covers much ground: No court can put us

twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense. Nor, in a criminal case, can we be made to be a witness against ourselves. If our private property is taken for public use we must get just compensation for it.

We cannot be held for trial for a crime which may bring the death penalty or other infamous crime without grand jury presentment by indictment. And, of course, our life, liberty, or property cannot be taken without due process of law. By this we mean a fair hearing in a court.

The Bill of Rights also secures the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury. You must be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation. You can compel defense witnesses to come to court and testify. You can face your accusers and you can have a defense lawyer to speak for you in all criminal cases, whether you can afford it or not.

Amendment Eight forbids excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments. The Ninth Amendment states that though our constitution sets out some rights, this does not mean to deny or disparage others retained by the people. The Tenth Amendment says that the powers not given to the federal government nor prohibited by the constitution to the states respectively, or to the people.

Thus have we backed up our Declaration of Independence, where it says that men have certain inalienable rights, and that to secure them "governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

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## Reject



## Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the answers which will appear in this column as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

Your Headlines of the Future: Strange aircraft terrifies Brazil! . . . French riots in Northern Africa! . . . Europe in throes of worst winter in century! . . . Community singing new rage! . . . Dramatic star suicide from sleeping pills! . . . Lower unemployment in 1955 due to increased private enterprise! . . . Vermont winter tourist boom! . . . Bone disease epidemic sweeps entire Orient! . . . Duty free purchases up to \$500 new law! . . . Vice squad cracks down on high school clubs! . . . Famous politician denounces colleagues on foreign policy! . . . New tidal waves sweep Japanese shores! . . . Science gives new hope to sufferers of asthma! . . . Church attendance grows to record peak in 1955! . . . Kansas enjoys new oil boom!

ETL: You have not been getting enough money for this land, and I suggest you consult with a realtor friend, for I know you should be getting much more than this ridiculous fee.

Mrs. FR: This settlement will come through, but pursue it through an attorney and you should certainly be awarded for you were quite badly injured. I do not feel you will suffer complete disability and, after further medical opinions it is decided surgery is absolutely essential, go through with it, for you will be all right.

DB-JW: I know you are interested in this TV personality, but this is merely an infatuation, and all of you girls will soon find other interests.

Mrs. GC 20718: Do not worry about your husband and his woman, for he is sharing expenses and saving money by riding to work with friends. He needs you much more than you need him. You and your husband should plan to take a trip to Massachusetts as soon as possible.

Mary T 2030: You should remain with your children, for your husband will soon be well enough to return to work. If you write to the Government Printing Office in Washington DC they will be happy to send you literature on how to make money at home, which will please you.

Lowell N 6107: I do not sense any immediate change in your position for the time being, but at a much later date an opportunity will come your way and it will work out to your advantage.

Virgil NN 22120: I do not suggest you sell property at this time in this area you mention, for it is a rapidly growing sector. I suggest you do go there and check value with realtors in order to better determine future moves.

Mrs. Frances S 1508: There will soon be further news concerning the future of your husband's plant. He has an excellent record and is a fine worker, and I do not feel there is any danger of his job being endangered.

Mrs. Rose Marie C 3708: I am sorry but I can only answer you through the columns of this newspaper. Do not undergo this operation without first seeking further medical advice. Anyone as kind and thoughtful as you and your husband concerning the adoption of this Korean orphan cannot fail in your desire to have her, for God is on your

side, and He is always victorious. There will be further papers to sign and a delay but the child will be yours. Take a scouting trip to Louisiana before deciding to make a permanent move.

Dear Criswell: I married a man I hated, but only did so to teach him a lesson he'll never forget. Now he's trying to get out of it and I refuse to give him a divorce because he'd marry another woman he'd make miserable, but I can handle him any day. When I hear him rant and rave it does my heart good to know that the big bully has found his master. Will the opportunity ever come when I can marry the man I truly love? Mrs. V.E. 440.

My dear Mrs. V.E.: Your husband's health has been failing considerably, and his temper tantrums are not helping his heart condition. I know you should prepare yourself for the morning he does not awaken. He exemplifies all the bad in mankind, and you were only thinking of the happiness of others when you married him. You martyred yourself to protect other women.

Dear Criswell: This idiot who calls himself my landlord has threatened to throw me out if I don't decorate the apartment. Who is he to tell me what to do? This place is slowly falling apart, and he does nothing to improve it, except he does raise my rent periodically. Must I decorate?

Mrs. Edith Mae O. My dear Edith Mae: Do not decorate your apartment, but I suggest you search for another place to live. Your landlord is most unreasonable, and he has increased your rent while doing nothing to improve the property. You should not be expected to do any decorating if he shows no interest in the place in which you live.

Dear Criswell: I am the superintendent of an apartment building, and a week ago I heard a strange noise coming from one of the apartments. I knelt down and peeped under the crack beneath the door, because I was concerned and worried. Suddenly the door opened, a man came out and kicked me in the face. I fled screaming, and found that two of my teeth were broken. My face is still black and blue. Did I do wrong? Mrs. E. L. B.

My dear Mrs. E. L. B.: This man had no right to kick you as he did, and he no doubt thought you were snooping. It is your job to see that everything in the building is in good order as you are simply following your landlord's orders. In the future when you are worried about something, phone your landlord and let him do the investigating.

## The Bible Speaks

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson  
By Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman

During the next three months the Sunday school lessons in the "uniform" series dealt with in this column, are drawn from the wisdom and the worship of the ancient Hebrews, as found in those four not too well known books, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. Parts of all but the first of these are known by heart everywhere; but much of them are unfamiliar territory. It would be a good idea during these three months to read these four books from start to finish. An average of two and a half chapters a day would do it. Why not?

More Questions Than Answers It is a sort of well-worn saying of preachers that the Bible has the answers to life's questions. But there is one book in the Bible that has more questions than answers: the book of Job. It is one of the greatest books in the world, and it will always appeal to men everywhere, because it puts in a powerful way the very questions that the best people ask. Job himself was one of these "best people." He is called "blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil." God even speaks of him with some pride. But Job did not have all the answers, though he had most of the questions. His best friends thought, and no doubt he himself used to think that suffering was a sign that God was punishing him for sin. This idea is still a common one. But Job felt there must be something wrong with it, for he felt a victim to disasters he would not have wished on his worst enemy. He lost his fortune (which was in cattle), his workmen, and his family, all within a few days, and finally he lost his health.

His friends thought they understood this. Suffering, they thought, was a sure sign of sin. So Job must have been a great sinner. In his intentions at least. But Job knew better. He knew he had not been a great sinner. So he raised the great "WHY?" that men before him and after him have raised. Why did God let good people suffer?

"But There Is No Justice" It is not the mere unfairness of the world that weighs on us. It is the apparent unfairness of things. Pain and affliction do not come to people who do not bother our minds much, not even when it hits us ourselves. If you have a toothache and you know it is because you have indulged in too much candy and soft foods, you may cry about it. But when you know, all the same, that you have nothing to cry about. You had it coming. If a cruel and murderous kidnapper dies in the gas chamber you do not feel greatly upset about it. You know he deserved it. No legal punishment can hurt him as much as he has hurt others. But if a good friend of yours dies of cancer, you do feel keen distress, because you cannot believe that your friend has earned such pain. And if you lift your eyes and look out over the world, especially if you know something about history, you will see so much frustration of the good, so much prospering of the evil, down through the centuries, that you wonder sometimes how man can believe there is a God.

"I Seek . . . But I Cannot See" If the woes of the world give us slight concern, selfish as we are by nature, we do wake up when trouble walks through our own doors. There must have been a good many people in trouble whom Job had known, but it took his own calamities to jolt him awake. We gather from his friends' remarks that he could speak cheerfully to those in distress, but when he was in trouble he sang a sadder tune. Just when he needed most to talk with God, God did not seem to be anywhere near. The world is a puzzle to every man, but the more he believes in God, the more he is puzzled. It was Job who asked the terrible questions, not his weakly pious friends. Yet—Job did not "fold his hands and acquiesce."

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## AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

(Editor's Note: This is the sixth and last installment on Communism, as John Morley saw it here and abroad between 1931 and the present . . . and in 12 consecutive sessions missions behind Russia's and China's Iron Curtain in the past four years).

PART 6  
Communism Went Broke in Iowa

Russia never practiced Communism as advocated by Karl Marx. Communism as we know it today is only a by-product of the program advanced by Marx and Engels in 1847. As I saw it practiced behind the Iron Curtain, it is nothing but a ruthless Communist dictatorship, nor the original idea of "share and share alike." In their propaganda the Communists say that the present system is only temporary. Come the world revolution, all will be changed to pure Communism . . . no government, no money, no classes, no rich, no poor, no depressions, no sin, "no nothing."

Apologists for Communism defend its present dictatorship by saying that pure Communism is the ultimate goal, and once they achieve it, all mankind will be living in an earthly Utopia. They defend their position also by saying that pure Communism has never been given a chance, has never been tried. This is a deliberate falsehood, because pure Communism was tried for over 77 years right here in the United States . . . in Iowa . . . and failed.

The 77-Year Communist Test This factual story of Communist failure in Iowa should be published in every school book in America. If there ever was an ideal set-up for a test of Communism, this was it . . . fanatical faith, discipline, religious unity and freedom to try it out. Here Communism was practiced more strictly than anywhere else in the history of the world. Here is the documented record of this modern Communist Utopia exactly as it happened in Southeast Iowa.

Communism Failed After 77 Years In the spring of 1855 there arrived on the banks of the Iowa River some 1000 members of the "Community of True Inspiration" (a German religious sect) and organized under the name of Amiana Society, to work and live in accordance with the Communist economic philosophy of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, also of German origin. They were dedicated people, bound by strong religious convictions, in an effort to prove to the world that pure Communism makes for a better life for all concerned.

These 1000 people settled on about 25,000 acres in the fertile Iowa River valley, secluded from all the diversions and temptations of capitalist life. They elected "leaders," who in turn established Amiana into seven communal groups and assigned every person, young and old, to some productive task within the community. They had no social contact outside of their settlement. They built small homes, common dining halls, common recreation and religious buildings . . . everything needed for a typical Communist-inspired community.

They built small factories for weaving and light manufacturing of various products from policemen's clubs to sweaters, and the famous Amiana Westphalia hams and sausages. Their dairy products were of the highest quality and the choice of thousands of Iowans. Nobody received wages or salary. Everyone received \$5 a month's "spending money." All profits went into the society's treasury. Everyone worked in accordance to his or her ability. The men did the heavy work in factory and farm; the women helped in these tasks in addition to cooking, sewing, laundering, and other domestic chores.

They all lived a typical Communist life (except that Amiana worshipped God) . . . share and share alike. "They ate in the same dining hall . . . wore similar clothing . . . worshipped the same God . . . had free medical care . . . the same worldly possessions . . . lived in the same type houses. No one had more or less than the other. From time to time there were "doubters" of Communism, but these were brought into line with suggestions of "divine revelations" that any would go straight to hell.

This worked for 77 years. Amiana grew in numbers, but decay had already set in. Notwithstanding all these favora-

ble circumstances . . . religious faith, cheap land that increased in value, discipline, pure Communism began to rot from within.

Communism at Amiana began to fall apart 1921, after 66 years, in a very peculiar but understandable way. One of the Communist youths was sent away to medical school in Iowa City and his "reports" back to the society were anything but appropriate reading for Communists. It seemed that he liked the capitalistic world on the outside.

Upon completion of his medical course, he wrote to Amiana's leaders: "I am very sorry to inform you and my parents that I am not coming back to Amiana. There are certain things I saw that I want and am willing to work hard to get. I want a salary that I earn, not a dole. I want the God-given right extended to every American boy to make a million dollars if he can. I want to be myself. I want to win or lose, to fail or succeed. I want to be me."

There were other straws in the wind that Communism was becoming unpopular at Amiana. Amiana children would "sneak" hitchhike rides to town in passing cars. They met happily, friendly people, who invited them to their homes for visits. They began to see life on the outside. Adventure was a far greater challenge than the more planned Communist doctrine of security and conformity. Back on the job at Amiana they seemed to lag.

Human Element

By 1925 the young people were leaving Amiana at an alarming rate. Parents began to speak openly of deserting. Others called for mass meetings to discuss reorganization. Adolf Heinenmann, leader of Amiana, addressed them, calling for sacrifices and suggesting that it was only a temporary situation. He admonished them for wasting food. "You are allowed to take a little food home for a late school, but you take enough to feed your family for a week. Waste is sin and some of you are driving us to bankruptcy."

By 1932 two prominent leaders of Amiana, Dr. H. G. Moerschel and Dr. C. A. Noe, decided to resign and reorganization was dropped. They were followed by others. In a mass meeting calling for a change to capitalism, Dr. Moerschel said: "Communism is failing for the reason that some of us are willing to work hard and others are not. It appears that after 77 years of experimenting, it is proved in most of us that we want an incentive in life and pretty generally it means money, individually, freedom of choice. We cannot change human nature. After a bitter struggle and much oratory, Communism was put to a vote. On June 2, 1932, it lost by 18 to 1 at Amiana.

The New Amiana Since June, 1932, Amiana, operating under the capitalist system, has prospered far beyond the fondest dreams of the organizers back in 1855. Amiana produces today refrigerators, gas ranges, freezers, furniture, dresses, suits, woollens and many other products. Amiana voting stock under free enterprise has increased from \$5 to \$640 a share. Amiana has 1000 plants are located in all the 48 states. Under Communism Amiana produced less than \$1,000,000 in goods in all its 77 years. Last year under capitalism Amiana produced over \$10,000,000 in refrigeration equipment alone.

In passing through Amiana one day I went up to see old Dr. Moerschel, who spearheaded the downfall of Communism in 1932. "Under Communism," he said, "I saw food wasted, labor wasted, and the best of our youth wasted. I wish we had adopted capitalism from the beginning, when I was a boy. What a waste of human values we had gone through at Amiana under Communism. In 1952 he delivered a message from this false ideology."

This is the documented record of the only true Communist experiment ever tested in the world. It took place in free America, without interference, without coercion from government authority. It was helped, not hindered by the outside capitalist world. After 77 years, it failed. It is living proof for the fuzzy-minded theorists, for the skeptics and for the Communists, that Communism is incompetent with human nature and the vine rights of man, and that it can only exist under compulsion, fear and human slavery.